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### AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the following paragraphs of the specification as set forth below. Additions have been underlined, and deletions are marked with strikethrough.

Please replace paragraph [0005] with the following:

**[0005]** The off-road vehicles also include suspension mechanisms that suspend the front and rear wheels in a manner permitting the wheels to move generally vertically relative to the off-road vehicle frame. The frame also typically has brackets that journal axles of the front and rear wheels. Because the frame is formed with tubular members, only limited space is available to fix the brackets to the frame. Moreover, the particular framework to which the brackets are affixed need to ensure sufficient stiffness. As a result, the off-road vehicle's fundamental framework often times needs ~~been~~ to be rearranged in order to meet the space and stiffness requirements for prior suspension mechanisms.

Please replace paragraph [0006] with the following:

**[0006]** An aspect of the present invention involves an off-road vehicle ~~comprises~~ comprising a frame and at least one wheel. A suspension arm includes a plurality of ends and is configured to suspend the wheel from the frame. The frame includes at least one horizontal member extending generally horizontally fore to aft. A set of retainers is coupled to the horizontal member. The retainers are spaced apart from each other fore to aft. Each retainer is configured to retain one of the ends of the suspension arm in a manner permitting the suspension arm to swing relative to the set of retainers.